

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [2269] 30M Status
Message-ID: <199508041830.NAA25543@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

The crowd went silent in amazement. For the second time during this fight the big guy has gone down to the canvas of the ring and this time he went down hard. The Ka-Thump sound could be heard for kilometers and above the noise and screams of the crowd and then suddenly - total silence.

It was like the entire crowd decided to hold it's breath until they heard the big guy breathe. All they heard was a tiny whimper.

There isn't much time until the final round and the final bell sounds and the referee renders his decision. It's gonna be close unless one of the contestants finds a phenomenal band opening on 30M within the next weeks until the end of August.

Will the big guy be down for the count? Does he have the internal strength to rise to the worthy opponent and meet him punch for punch? Will the madness ever end? Shouldn't such contests be outlawed? If we outlaw contests won't outlaws only have contest? Inquiring minds just gotta know.....

Summary as of August 1, 1995 from the log of K5F0, Dallas, TX.

Contacts on 30M: 35
States Worked: 19 AR,CA,CO,FL,IL,IN,IA,KY,MD,MA,MO,MT,NY,NC,OH,PA,TX,VA,WI
Countries: 3 Germany, Canada, Japan (May be another somewhere in the logs)

So it's not looking good for the big guy. All the above done with 0.95W using either OHR Explorer 30, SWL30, or MXM 30M XCVR. 30M long wire up 3M in among dense Pecan Trees in E. Dallas being feed with 300 ohm ladder line and using MFJ 941C tuner. Rigs on 4AHr Gel-Cell and using either CMOS II keyer or now the CMOS III keyer. Vibroplex Brass Racer with the 100mm square base. Film at 11.

p.s. I didn't mean to offend Bob with whatever the 5W remark triggered. Offhand remard I guess in reference to his post that showed (if I remember correctly) 0.2-0.9 and 5W power levels. He better go back to the higher levels. He's going to need 'em. :-) ;-)

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [2272] Dayton '96
Message-ID: <199508041850.NAA25586@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

I know, not now Chuck, but we gotta plan.

1. How about a HomeBrew (not kit) contest from scratch starting Oct 1? You document and prove that you haven't started on the project until then? Any project or should we design and post schematics and go with that? This might be the "fairest" test of them all, that way noone would have an idea on the parts, etc.
2. I heard at Dayton, and this was at the end, that they had moved the date to May. We knew that but I overheard someone say that it was on Mother's Day. If they did that, they are in serious yogurt!!! Must be a dweeb kinda thing..... :-)
3. Same quickie contest again on building? How about a toroid contest?

It's going to be here before you know it. Anyone in Dayton got all the particulars. QRP ARCI Banquet is on Friday night in '96. That means that Randy, AA2U, and I, K5FO, can go over to the DXers contest (pileup) and kick some serious butt. :-)

BTW, anyone got recordings of the pileups for any of the DXpeditions?

email to me first and then I'll summarize.

Inquiring minds and all that stuff.

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: Rarland@Microserve.com (Rarland)
Subject: [2268] Fall QRP QSO Party
Message-ID: <9508041821.AA15554@dungeon.Microserve.Net>

I don't know if anybody caught this or not, but the dates for the Fall QRP ARCI QSO Party conflict with the Pennsylvania QSO party. This means that here on the Eastern side of the US, all the PA kilowatts will be artificially ionizing the ionosphere for that particular 48 hour period!

Several times in the past, this conflict has occurred and it really makes for some BAD operating conditions for East Coast QRPers.

Hey, Cam:

Any chance of changing the QSO Party to the following weekend? If not, how about 50,000 bonus points if you are a QRP station competing in Pennsylvania? (Or....maybe, this is just a ploy by the West Coast Dudes to even the scores a bit....hmmmm, food for thought!)

73 rich

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [2275] FoxHunt
Message-ID: <199508042041.PAA25828@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

I hadn't gotten mail on this, but just to clarify a point. The reason for the CW speed of 18 to 20 is so that higher speed ops won't feel like they are grating their fingernails on the blackboard. :-)

I assure you that the fox will go at YOUR speed and they did it last year and we will continue to do so. We will also keep the Novice time of 30mins for each two hours to give the Tech+ guys/gals a chance. We do try to be fair.

Keep them cards and letters coming.

I like the letter F. Sesame Street 101. Friend of mine was one of the original Sesame Street Kids and wears an alumni T-shirt sometimes. He writes some of the course materials and in doing graphics we have some demos with the letter F. :-)
Other letters accepted also.

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: g3rjv@gqrp.demon.co.uk (Rev George Dobbs)
Subject: [2279] G QRP Club Membership
Message-ID: <7508@gqrp.demon.co.uk>

Greetings:

In a recent check of G QRP Club members who have not renewed their subscriptions, we have found a record number of lapsed members in the USA. It may be that a record number of US members have lost interest or they are unsure of how to renew.

It is possible to renew in the US by sending a check for 12 dollars, stating callsign, name and club number to:

Mike Gilgore KG5F
2946 Ash Hill Rd
Carrollton
TX 75007
tel: (214)394-0245

or it is now possible to renew using Mastercard or Visa.
send your Full Name, Address, Callsign, Club Number, the Credit Card Number (it must be Mastercard or Visa) and the expiry date of the card to

John Leak G0BX0
Flat 7, 56 Heath Cres.
Halifax. HX1 2PW, U.K.

We will extract 6 pounds sterling from your account.

If you wish to join the G QRP Club as a New Member:

We prefer you to join via the UK and G0BX0. This can be done by credit card as above. Or..... if you send your postal address via email, I will send you a sample SPRAT and an application form.

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George Dobbs G3RJV
G-QRP Club

"It is vain to do with more,
what can be done with less."

----- William of Occam (1290-1350)

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: Clark Savage Turner WA3JPG <turner@safety.ICS.UCI.EDU>
Subject: [2261] Geoff Fox

Message-ID: <9849.807548907@safety.ics.uci.edu>

Wow, Geoff is a pretty normal looking guy! Not what I expect from a QRP nerd.....(is it all that window dressing on national TV?)

Now, I have seen pictures of Chuck, and if you have seen me in the group pictures at the Zuni site, THAT's what I expected :-). But then, Geoff would not have that job if he looked like that :-). :-).

Clark
WA3JPG

P.S. Good job, Geoff. Great to see you!

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: "Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US" <kanga@brutus.bright.net>
Subject: [2246] GQRP Club GQ Project available in U.S.
Message-ID: <199508032350.TAA28728@brutus.bright.net>

I spoke with Sheldon today about the availability of the GQRP Club Project kit (GQ40 and GQ20) for sale in the US. He feels he will be in a position to ship me some stock in the late August or early September time frame.

After discussing pricing with him, I can price the rigs as follows:

GQ40 \$156
GQ20 \$165

S/h is still \$4.50

I hope to have some documentation I can put on my Web page sometime the week of Aug 21.

He also mentioned that he is going to produce versions for 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, and 10, but did not indicate when the new bands would be available.

If anyone is interested in ordering, Please let me know by the end of August so I can place one order with Sheldon.

73/72
73 - Bill Kelsey - N8ET
Kanga US
kanga@bright.net
419-423-4604

HTTP://qrp.cc.nd.edu/kanga/

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: plquick@facstaff.wisc.edu (Paulette Quick, N9OUH)
Subject: [2259] Gross but funny
Message-ID: <199508041417.JAA32392@audumla.students.wisc.edu>

Gang,

A couple of months ago I met Patrick, a ham from Ireland, who is at UW-Madison to get a Masters and PhD in Statistics. His undergrad degree is in Electrical Engineering.

Patrick is smart. He went from no American license to Extra in six weeks. His recently acquired General Class callsign was KB9LBM. The local hams, never missing an opportunity for gross humor, have been referring to him as "KB9 Little Bowel Movement."

Changing the callsign with an upgrade was DEFINITELY on the program. So last Sunday when he passed the Advanced and Extra tests, I made sure that he had checked and initialed the correct line on the 610 form.

This morning I checked the FCC database, and sure enough, KB9LBM is now AA9PU.

Sometimes life is just not fair.

72 de N9OUH
Paulette Quick
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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: Dan Puckett <af045@dayton.wright.edu>
Subject: [2264] Hank, I need your address
Message-ID: <9508041623.AA11656@dayton.wright.edu>

Sorry about the bandwidth gang. A couple of weeks ago a gentleman named Hank from Florida asked, via e-mail, if I could send him a copy of the Pixie 2 schematic. When I tried to transfer the mail from my provider to my PC the letter got lost. All I remeber is his first name and the state. I was hoping Hank would start wondering if I was going to hand carry the docs to him in person from Dayton and send me another e-mail. I guess not. So, Hank, if you are listening, I need your address again.

Dan, WD8AAU Ouch, Ouch
af045@dayton.wright.edu

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: Mill.Moore@VALLEY.NET (Mill Moore)
Subject: [2270] IOTA info needed
Message-ID: <191571@hanover.VALLEY.NET>

Can someone help me with IOTA background information, and particularly with an IOTA number for Long Island, Maine? (Maine has several "Long" Islands ... the one of interest to me is located in Casco Bay, just off Portland.)

I will be vacationing on Long Island from August 11 through August 25, and hope to be on the air occasionally using a brand new MFJ 9030 and either a dipole or loop antenna.

73,
Mill Moore
Hartland, VT
<mill.moore@valley.net>

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)
Subject: [2274] lamps
Message-ID: <9508042031.AA07036@rgfn.epcc.Edu>

Ref the lamps for night use - Radio Shack carries several low current types, with wire leads, but probably the best is 272-1141, 12 v 25ma. Cost in the catalog is 1.19. They work well, I used this type in both the FT757SX-II and the Ten Tec Triton (QRP) for low draw lighting.
72/73 Ray, W5XE/V31XE. El Paso, Tx

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [2250] Lamps for Camping
Message-ID: <199508040426.XAA24555@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

Durn it Ed, you cost me a couple of hours here at the house. I had to run through just about everything that I own in the way of parts and stuff. :-)

BUT, I did find what I was looking for.....

No part number, but I call it a "Pea Lamp" or "Grain of Wheat Lamp". It's a very small (like you would use in the back of a meter) bulb with white ceramic base about 3mm in diameter and the base is about the same height with glass bulb 3mm in diameter and 4.5mm high on the top. Out the bottom is two 6mm long gold wires for feeding this puppy power.

I hooked it up to the 12V6Ah Gel-Cell. Measured 12.20V and a current drain of 59mA. Not good but not bad either. You don't get a free lunch.

OK, turn out the lights in the shack and all other sources of light. I can read a page from the instruction manual for the SWL40 at a 0.33M or so without any difficulty.

I got about a dozen or so of these from Tanner Electronics and for the life of me I can not find any of them. I forget the price but it's in the neighborhood of \$0.50 or so. Maybe lower. I'll just have to check.

I figure over 60hrs if the 4Ahr battery is only feeding the lamp, but I wouldn't be operating in the dark that long for a camping trip unless I was in a cave. I think it's a respectable time. For Ed only, if he want's to check this puppy out I'll bring it to work and put in an envelope. What address? No charge so that you can report to the rest of the gang if I'm right and what you think.

You could glue it in a white plastic thimble and get more directivity out of it and use a series resistor to cut down on power drain, but my fear would be the loss of light intensity would be too much. The lamp is probably rated for 14.6V or so as my memory remembers.

>From your friendly reporter in TX.

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: Glen Leinweber <leinwebe@mcmail.CIS.McMaster.CA>
Subject: [2260] QRP light source
Message-ID: <1995Aug04.110732-0400@[130.113.234.7]>

I vote for light emitting diodes as a mighty efficient light source.

Yellow or green match your eye spectral response best. They are available with quite a variety of plastic lenses that spread (or focus) light, depending on whether you want a spot source or wider angle source.

Feeding them power is a bit of a problem, because they like a current supply rather than a voltage supply (battery). For instance, a green LED won't put out any light with less than 1.6 volts (approx), but puts out lots of light at 2.3 volts. It'll burn out fast with more than about 3 volts (too much current). At 2.3 volts and 20 ma., an LED can put out just about enough light to read by.

Ideally, you could run a LED from a small switching supply that takes as its input the rig's 12 volt supply, and puts out 20 ma of current. At about 80% efficiency, the switcher would only load the 12 volt source with less than 5 ma.

Since this is a little off QRP-L topic, if anyone is interested in the switcher LED supply, E-mail me direct, I'll see what kind of circuits would work. If there's enough interest I'll post schematics.

Glen Leinweber VE3DNL leinwebe@mcmail.mcmaster.ca

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: mvjfm@mvubr.att.com (James M Fitton 508 960 2577)
Subject: [2247] QRP-Afield rules
Message-ID: <9508032242.AA23120@ig1.att.att.com>

Thanks to Paul, NA5N for english interpretation !!!

Subject: Re: QRP Afield
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QRP AFIELD - 1995

QRP AFIELD - 1995 is sponsored by the QRP Club of New England and is designed to encourage QRP enthusiasts to field-test their radio equipment using temporary antennas and non-commercial power sources.

DATE/TIME

Saturday, September 16, 1995. 1600Z to 2400Z. You may operate a maximum of six hours during the contest period.

EXCHANGE

QRP-NE Members: RST, State/Province/Country, QRP-NE#
Non-Members: RST, State/Province/Country, Power Output

DEFINITIONS

Permanent Location: Any location using commercial power and/or permanently installed antennas.
Field Location: Any location using non-commercial power and temporary antennas.
High Power QRP: 1 to 5 watts output.
Low Power QRP: Less than one watt output.

Scoring (CW only)

1 point for each contact from a permanent location using high power QRP.
2 points for each contact from a permanent location using low power QRP.
4 points for each contact from a field location using high power QRP.
8 points for each contact from a field location using low power QRP.

MULTIPLIERS

Each State/Province/Country worked counts for one multiplier.
Multipliers may be counted only once regardless of band worked.

AWARDS AND RESULTS

A plaque will be awarded to the station with the highest point total. Certificates will be awarded to the ten stations with the highest point totals. Complete results will be printed in 72 magazine. To receive a copy of the results, please include a #10 SASE with your contest submission.

Address

Chester (Chet) Bowles, AA1EX
RFD 2, Box 335L
Sharon, NH 03458

QRP AFIELD - 1995

Entry Form

Name _____ Call _____

Address _____ QRP-NE# _____

Total Number of Contacts _____

Point/Contact (1) X _____

Subtotal = _____

Number of Multipliers Worked (2) X _____

FINAL SCORE = _____

POINTS PER CONTACT:

1 point for each contact from a permanent location using high power QRP.

2 points for each contact from a permanent location using low power QRP.

4 points for each contact from a field location using high power QRP.

8 points for each contact from a field location using low power QRP.

MULTIPLIERS: Each State/Province/Country worked counts as one multiplier.
Multipliers may be counted only once regardless of band worked.

Transmitter/Xceiver _____ Power Output _____W

Receiver _____ Power Source _____

Antenna _____

Location _____

Comments _____

Submit Logs and Dupe Sheets to: Chester (Chet) Bowles, AA1EX
RFD 2, Box 335L, Sharon, NH 03458

72/73 Jim F. W1FMR QRP-NE NH mvjf@mvubr.att.com

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995

From: nwqrp@scn.org (SCN User)

Subject: [2251] QRP-expedition/special event !!!

Message-ID: <199508040427.VAA26642@scn.org>

QRP-L Gang!

Marcia (KC7MCW) and I (Brian, KV9X) will be hiking with a non-ham (potential-ham) friend up to Spade Lake/Venus Lake this weekend. These lakes are at ≥ 5210 ft. on the side of Mt. Daniel in the Alpine Lakes. This Wilderness Area is in West-Central Washington State. I suppose you could say this will be a special event commemorating the wonderful job hams did last year in providing emergency communications in this area during the HUGE forest fires of '94.

We will take a 5-watt cw/ssb station 80m-10m. The sunspots will be fairly good (considering where we are in the cycle) so the novice in the family (Marcia) may get to do some ssb on 10m.

We will be on the qrp freqs. so please listen for us. We will probably spend more time on ssb so the non-ham can get "hooked". Please help in this endeavor! This friend of mine is moving to the St. Paul area of MN and maybe when he gets there, he will become a ham so we can keep in touch. QRP to MN is usually not too tough.

If there is enough interest, I will make up special QSLs with the theme of last year's forest fire emergency communications effort.

Anyway, we will be on the air Sat. am 1300 to 1500 utc. (40m: 1300-1430 and 80m: 3.561 1430-1500 utc for the NW QRP net.) Also look for us Sunday morning 1400-2000 or so and Sunday evening (until about 0500 utc "Monday".)

QRP Forever!

--Brian, KV9X

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From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: bfinch@asp.vet.purdue.edu (Robert Finch)
Subject: [2257] QRPppppppppppppppp es QRO
Message-ID: <9508041409.AA01203@asp.vet.purdue.edu>

Recently Geoff Fox[SMTP:gfox@ix.netcom.com] wrote;

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anyone else who uses this application
figured a way around it?

73, Geoff WA1U

ps- In a very non-QRP move, I will probably
transmit with the highest power ever by a
member of this list. It happens tomorrow and
Friday as I use the aggregate power of all
the ABC Television affiliates. It's one of my
quasi-regular fillin stints on Good Morning
America. I'll be the one in front of the
weather maps.

end of snip

Well, it is nice to know other broadcasting
professionals with the combined power output of
a major television network (or two) frequent the
'low power' net.....hi hi.

Unfortunately it sumtimes gets in the way
of important stuff like ham radio. I worked this years'
field day doing video engineering for CBS Sports

in Elmira New York (Nascar racing). Six semi trailers with several million bucks worth of electronics to produce an itty bitty one volt signal (with sum audio thrown in too) that was in turn sent to the network swithcing center, that in turn gets 'louder' as it gets sent on towell you all get the idea of a network.

Sometimes it gets even bigger (more exp) than just one network or continent. With all sorts of rf power used, in all sorts of exotic places (like rio linda in the republic of california).

But it all starts out as an itty bitty one volt signal. Qrp at it's most basic, intrinsic, metasphysical exsistance. And it's like having the best of both the QRO and QRP worlds at the same time. But it can make your head hurt thinking in such terms.

So instead I'll guess I'll just take a nap b4 tonites' prime time (ESPN); auto racing. And they pay me for this QRP work!

BTW, maybe it's time for a Dayton weather and broadcast professional's thread. We cud also add Hamsticks if no

one objects. Or maybe we cud see, by response, who
has had the biggest network signal, provided it
originated in Dayton with the use of a Hamstick, and by
using a portable computer while on the throne. Or maybe
we cud.....

snip

De Baab, N6CXB.....(Did u guys notice I found
the shift key!)

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [2271] Referees and Cash
Message-ID: <199508041838.NAA25567@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

How much does a referee make? Maybe Nils can be bought. :-)

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: "Steven Karty" <kartys@ncr.disa.mil>
Subject: [2276] SPC QRP 40 - Question
Message-ID: <9507048075.AA807579415@ncr.disa.mil>

I recently received a Small Parts Center (SPC) QRP 40. The SPC QRP 40 is a 40-meter superhet transceiver, which was available as a kit from SPC several years back. It is basically a 40-meter derivative of the original design by K1BQT (Rick Littlefield) which appeared in the January 1989 issue of "Ham Radio" Magazine as "An NE602-Based QRP Transceiver for 20-Meter CW" and in the September 1990 issue of "CQ" Magazine as "The QRP-15 CW Transceiver." Rick Littlefield wrote both

articles.

It appears to have a few problems though, including (1) low receive audio output level, (2) excessively high sidetone audio output level, (3) the VFO covers only from 7 to 7.140-MHz (instead of going on up to 7.150-MHz), and (4) the transmitter trimmer capacitors (inbetween the driver and the final output transistors) have to be retuned when changing frequency to prevent the power from dropping off excessively. (Although the power drops off as the frequency is changed, until the capacitors are retuned, it seems to be worse at higher frequencies.)

Both this rig and the original design derive an AGC control voltage from the output of the audio amplifier, so they both have their volume controls after the audio amplifier. One of the main differences between this rig and the original design is that this rig has a sidetone generator circuit.

Were there any additional articles published that came up with fixes to these problems? Does anyone have any first-hand experience in solving these problems in this particular QRP rig? I could certainly use any helpful hints.

TNX es 72,

Steven Karty N4UHO
kartys@cc.ims.disa.mil

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: Bob Smith <rsmith@internetmci.com>
Subject: [2255] Where to go in Santa Clara
Message-ID: <01BA624E.863E2220@dialup785.Bloomington.mci.net>

In Santa Clara today on biz - any cool spots to grab radio stuff? Thanks in advance.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: bfinch@asp.vet.purdue.edu (Robert Finch)
Subject: [2258] wow!!
Message-ID: <9508041413.AA01222@asp.vet.purdue.edu>

One hundred.....uh almost two hundred k of text in
less than 24 hours on this and boatanchors in my
mailbox.....gee whizz.....i'll never have time to
read it all at work....(in the back of the semi-
trailer, in the video engineering compartment)...
(or on the throne...hi)
baab, n6cxb.....uh the shift key is unreachable agn.

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: nwqrp@scn.org (SCN User)
Subject: [2252] Re: Camp Lamps
Message-ID: <199508040446.VAA00256@scn.org>

QRP-L gang!

IMHO, the best all-around hiking light-source is a (\$10) headlamp.
Some work off 2 AA's and some off 4 AA's. You can solar charge them
with a small panel on the pack or at home. You can put several
AA's together to make 15v and charge with a 15v panel. Then, take two
cells off and you have about 12v for the rig and 1.5 for the light!

--Brian, KV9X

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From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: Jim.Nestor@ey.com
Subject: [2254] Re: Camp Lamps
Message-ID: <00145000014712620000002*@MHS>

> In a short discussion about portable operating the subject of portable,
"qrp"
> lighting for that night-time operating session or contest.
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> What interesting, innovative ideas are out there?

Radio Shack sells something like the grain of wheat lamps in versions for 1.5, 6, 12v. The 1.5 v jobbie costs around \$1.25 and draws 50ma. I'm gonna try one as a "night light" in my tent on dark (and stormy?) nights so I don't rip a new door in the canvas on my way to the john.

I like the idea of putting the bulb in a flashlight bulb carcass and using a regular flashlight body. Will also investigate the jumbo LED idea.

Saints be Preserved! I fired up the newly completed and hastily-tuned SWL30 breadboard fashion on the bench, connected a keyer with clip leads and ran a coax across the shack to the tuner. I tuned the 20m loop to 30m and lo and behold there were real signals to be heard.

Where do these guys come from (and go to) who call CQ once and disappear? Three wuz a bunch of them whom I called but no answer. They didn't work anybody else either. I usually hunt and pounce, but when I do call CQ, I call repeatedly with reasonable pauses in between in case somebody actually heard me.

Finally, I heard K8DDX in QSO and signing, so I tail-ended and gave him a quick 1 x 2 and he said "QRZ". I sent my call a couple of times and he came right back (I love good operators like Al). We had a nice QSO NJ to MI. He was 579+ and gave me a 529 but we held the frequency for several exchanges.

Now I gotta drop this puppy in a box and get it ready for next week's expedition. Love it!

72,

Jim, WK8G
jim.nestor@ey.com

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: N5EM@aol.com
Subject: [2256] Re: Camp Lamps
Message-ID: <950804094808_130335379@aol.com>

Be interesting to try the yellow LEDs. The ultimate camp lamp, using a bug LED :-)

Ed

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: "michael (w.m.) babineau" <babineau@bnr.ca>
Subject: [2262] Re: Camp Lamps
Message-ID: <"4782 Fri Aug 4 11:06:10 1995"@bnr.ca>

How about trying an "Itty Bitty Booklight". They give off a fair bit of light which you can direct, fold into a fairly compact configuration and one model comes with a c-cell pack a a power source. This should work ok as operating lamp, but may be useless for other camp purposes.

Michael Babineau

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: plquick@facstaff.wisc.edu (Paulette Quick, N9OUH)
Subject: [2273] Re: Dayton '96
Message-ID: <199508041953.0AA14639@audumla.students.wisc.edu>

Chuck, thanks for reminding us that it is never too early to plan for Dayton.

First question is: Are the qrp folks starting the Hamvention early by having an all-day program on Wednesday?

Should we be getting our hotel reservations in with Myron?

p.s. hope I didn't gross any one out with my earlier posting. I realize the language was a bit irregular for me, but I found the callsign confusion to be quite humorous and wanted to share the details. Patrick, by the way, had to be told what P.U. means in American English...and he doesn't intend to change the AA9PU callsign.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: rgobrick@public.compusult.nf.ca (Robert J. Gobrick)
Subject: [2280] Re: Dayton '96
Message-ID: <199508042320.UAA01766@public.compusult.nf.ca>

Paula,

I was hoping that no one would mention the FIRST ANNUAL QRP ALL DAY SYMPOSIUM to be held Thursday on Dayton Hamvention weekend 1995 but I forgot that some folks have crystal clear memories of what was discussed after Dayton this past year :^)

Actually I've been quietly talking to Bruce Muscolino W6TOY/3 and others and

we hope to kick off a BIG discussion on this as soon as summer is over (summer up here in Newfoundland ends in 3 weeks..) Anywayyy Paula since you mentioned it FIRST you are going to be recruited to help out with this effort - why with all your enthusiasm about QRP and your University background you are probably a pro at Symposiums. And this is not going to be any ole QRP symposium - this will be BIG TIME with registration, symposium nametags, selected paper talks by experts in the field (will get Chuck on the technical paper review committee and Nils on the technical literacy (oxymoron) committee), guest lunch speaker, motivational qrp pep rally, break out sessions, evening tutorials, "re-adjustment hour" etc. etc. - you get the picture.

Anyway I guess we can all start thinking about this but maybe we should hold off for a few weeks until the "troops" are back from summer holiday, the kids are in school, the Fox Hunt starts and the final round of the Chuck vs Bob World Light Weight (it is QRP isn't it) 30 Meter QRP Bout is over..

So Paula - if you want to get started, than maybe you would like to accept the nomination for the "QRP Recruiting Committee Chairperson" for the First Annual QRP All Day Symposium..

Good luck and thanks Paula for volunteering (and we will accept no private emails from you asking to be relieved of this very important responsibility.. :^)

73/72 Bob V01DRB/WA6ERB

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>First question is: Are the qrp folks starting the Hamvention early by
>having an all-day program on Wednesday? (note: actually Thursday - WA6ERB)
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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: N5EM@aol.com
Subject: [2277] Re: Fall QRP QSO Party
Message-ID: <950804165845_48079112@aol.com>

Ah, come on guys. Remember that there are 52 weeks in the year and 50 state QSO parties. We'd have to put all the QRP contests into the other 2 weekends, which surely have major international DX contests. Of course, we could schedule the test during such state QSO parties as North Dakota or Wyoming or Montana. Probably not that many KW's in those states. (I can hear the complaints from ND, WY, and MT now).

72
Ed

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca (Jim Cummings)
Subject: [2265] Re: Gross but funny
Message-ID: <9508041725.AA22386@clark.dgim.doc.ca>

>Gang,
>
>A couple of months ago I met Patrick, a ham from Ireland, who is at
>UW-Madison to get a Masters and PhD in Statistics. His undergrad degree is
>in Electrical Engineering.
>
>Patrick is smart. He went from no American license to Extra in six weeks.
>His recently acquired General Class callsign was KB9LBM. The local hams,
>never missing an opportunity for gross humor, have been referring to him as
>"KB9 Little Bowel Movement."
>
>Changing the callsign with an upgrade was DEFINITELY on the program. So
>last Sunday when he passed the Advanced and Extra tests, I made sure that
>he had checked and initialed the correct line on the 610 form.
>
>This morning I checked the FCC database, and sure enough, KB9LBM is now
AA9PU.
>
>Sometimes life is just not fair.
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>72 de N90UH
>Paulette Quick
>plquick@facstaff.wisc.edu
>

Yeah, I suppose if you have a Little Bowel Movement, there is a tendency to Pucker Up....

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eMail:jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca
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73 and live better digitally
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED...
because remember, today is the first
day of the rest of your life.

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: seront@seism1.ess.sunysb.edu (Bernard Seront)
Subject: [2267] Re: SWXX squeal.
Message-ID: <9508041811.AA11624@seism1.ess.sunysb.edu>

At 02:04 PM 8/4/95 EDT, chuck adams wrote:
>All of the five SWLXX rigs that I have do the same squeel at power off.
>
>The race is on to see who finds the first fix, then the best fix ---
>other than leaving it on all the time. :-)
>
>dit dit

I don't have any of these, and perhaps what i will say is stupid, but...
What about a capacitor acting like a reservoir at the power supply input of
the kit to smooth the shut down?

Bernard, KB2TGH.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: JEVERHART@cayman.vf.mmc.com
Subject: [2249] Re: Wherezat replies
Message-ID: <950803223742.20245df2@carib.vf.mmc.com>

Guys,

Thanks very much for the replies to my VJ1CWI query. I guess after working my
first, I do care more than one IOTA for working more :-). In about two weeks,
I should be over my current work project and subsequent vacation. Hope there
are still some vacationing IOTAs left. Hmmm, any QRP Afield stations gonna
combine that effort with an IOTA expedition?

72/73,

Joe E. N2CX

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: Craig LaBarge <74740.3166@compuserve.com>
Subject: [2248] Re: Wherezat?
Message-ID: <950804020118_74740.3166_EHB194-1@CompuServe.COM>

Allen, K9DZE wrote:

>This must not be a universal problem as my SW-40 does not exhibit the trait.
>I'm using a gel cell for power.

My SW-40 does it regardless of the power source. I've sorta gotten used to it, though. After I finish operating, the squeal is kinda like the "dit dit" at the end of a QSO (or Chuck's email). :-)

73, Craig WB3GCK

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: James Lyons <jlyons@CAM.ORG>
Subject: [2263] Re: Wherezat?
Message-ID: <199508041617.MAA23939@Ocean.CAM.ORG>

The call belongs to the West Island Amateur Radio Club (Montreal) who are on their annual DXpedition, this year to Pictou Island.

Jim, VE2KN

On Wed, 2 Aug 1995 JEVERHART@cayman.vf.mmc.com wrote:

> Bob (and qrp-1, too),
>
> Been much too busy at work lately dx'ing thru NASA's TDRSS (Tracking and Data
> Relay Satellite System), but the other nite I did manage to put my 30-40 on
> the air again for a little while. After a few calls, I managed to work XJ1CWI.
> I KNOW that he is just an ordinary Canadian :-), but his exchange to me was
> 599 NA154. I think the latter is an IOTA identification. Can you tell me whcih
> flyspeck he's on? And is he a VE1 (kinda common) or a V01 (more rarified)?
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> BTW, got the stamp a while back, thanks!
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> 72/73,
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> Joe E., N2CX
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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: rgobrick@public.compuserve.com (Robert J. Gobrick)
Subject: [2278] Re: Wherezat?
Message-ID: <199508042223.TAA00747@public.compuserve.com>

QRP-Ler Gang,

What Jim didn't mention is that he is the famous QRP Spokesman for the West Island Amateur Radio Club (Montreal) and has been known to get (hook) interested Montreal hams into qrp by introducing them to his little "oner" transmitter.

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>on their annual DXpedition, this year to Pictou Island.

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>Jim, VE2KN
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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: JessQRP@aol.com
Subject: [2253] Re: Wherezat? SWXX squeal.
Message-ID: <950804093607_130328761@aol.com>

Well hi all,

All three of the rigs I have and all of the ones that I have helped build (about 4) have gone VRDZZZZZZpppppttttttsqueak! When you shut them off. Depends on if you have an internal power switch or not. It is the oscillator collapsing (?). Don't bother me any at all...HUH? Oh didn't hear you.....;-o

Jess

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Aug 4 19:15:00 1995
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [2266] Re: Wherezat? SWXX squeal.
Message-ID: <199508041803.NAA25423@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Jess et.al.,

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other than leaving it on all the time. :-)

dit dit

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Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com